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Water Resource/Potential in the Country

*344. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the "Water resources potential" assessed for the entire basins of the country according to the report submitted in November, 1990 by the Committee constituted for this purpose;

(b) what is the Water resource potential assessed by this Committe for the west flow rivers in Kerala;

(c) what is the quantity of water used in Kerala out of this resource;

(d) what steps Government have taken for the maximum utilisation of west flow rivers in Kerala and

(e) what efforts have been made by Government to divert the waste flow Kerala rivers to Tamil Nadu so that the water flown waste into the sea, is gainfully utilised?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) As per report submitted in November, 1990 by the Committee constituted for reassessment of Water Resources Potential, the total water resurces potential of the country from all basins is assessed as 1869 cubic kilometers.

(b) and (c) The water resources potential assessed for west flowing rivers of Kerala is about 80 cubic kilometers out of which 4.6 cubic Kilometers is resently being utilised in Kerala.

(d) There are ten major projects under construction during the 8th Five Year Plan to increase utilisation of west flowing rivers. In addition there are four major and medium projects under consideration.

(e) The National Water Development Agency has carried out studies to optimise the utilisation of water of west flowing rivers of Kerala, namely Pamba and Achenkovil by diverting the surplus waters to the drought prone areas of Tamil Nadu. The Preliminary feasibility report of this water transfer link proposal has been completed and sent to the concerned State Governments. Field survey and investigation for preparing detailed projects report is under progress and will be completed during 1993-94.

"इरीगेशन प्रोजेक्ट्स कास्ट स्काई राकेट्स" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत समाचार

*345. **श्री रणजीत सिंह :**
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 2 मई, 1992 के "टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में "इरीगेशन प्रोजक्टस कास्ट स्काई राकेटस" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय जल आयोग द्वारा कराये गये अध्ययन के अनुसार इन परियोजनाओं की लागत में तीव्र वृद्धि के लिये कुछ कारण बताये गये हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो ये कारण कौन-कौन से हैं और देश में ऐसी सिंचाई परियोजनायें कौन कौन सी है, जो अपने निर्धारित कार्यक्रम से कम से कम पांच वर्ष पीछे चल रहीं हैं ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) से (ग) सरकार को 2 मई, 1992 के टाइम्स आफ इंडिया में "इरीगेशन प्रोजक्टस कास्ट स्काई राकेट" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार के बारे में पता है। यह समाचार केन्द्रीय जल आयोग द्वारा किये गये अध्ययन की ओर संकेत करता है।